Medical Council of India

557. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELF ARE be pleased to state:

(a) the functions of the Medical Council of India;

(b) the guidelines for opening of new medical colleges or increasing seats; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure compulsory inspections before permitting opening of new medical colleges or increasing seats in the existing medical colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The main functions of Medical Council of India are as under:-

(i) Maintenance of uniform standards of medical education, both undergraduate and postgraduate by periodical inspection/visitation of medical colleges.

(ii) Recommendation for recognition/de-recognition of medical qualifications of medical institutions of India or foreign countries.

(iii) Permanent registration/provisional registration of doctors with recognized medical qualifications.

(iv) Reciprocity with foreign countries in the matter of mutual recognition of medical qualifications.

(b) The guidelines for opening of new medical college or increase in admission capacity in the existing medical college are prescribed in "Establishment of New Medical College Regulations, 1999" and "Increase of Admission Capacity in any Course of Study or Training (including Postgraduate Course of Study or Training) Regulations, 2000", brought out by the Medical Council of India.

(c) As per the above Regulations, inspection of the concerned Medical College by the Medical Council of India is prerequisite before grant of permission for establishment of new medical college or increasing seats in the existing Medical Colleges.